9. (Amended) A computer case as recited in claim 1, wherein a first standoff dimension is defined between said inlet of said first centrifugal blower and said bottom panel, said first standoff dimension multiplied by the perimeter of the inlet said first centrifugal blower defining an area that is substantially equal to or greater than an inlet area of said first centrifugal blower.

13. (Amended) A computer case as recited in claim 1 further comprising three bays defined in said second zone and configured to hold components requiring access through said front panel, two of said bays extending substantially from said from front panel to said partition, the other of said bays extending from said front panel toward said partition to a lesser degree to define a void space between said partition and said other of said bays, said first centrifugal blower and said second centrifugal blower being disposed in said void space.
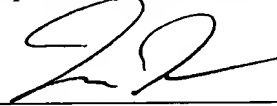
Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. The Examiner objects to claims 4-13 as being dependent on a rejected base claim but indicates the these claims would be allowable if amended to be in independent form. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 4. In fact, claim 1 has been amended exactly as suggested by the Examiner in the proposed amendment forwarded by facsimile to the undersigned on November 2, 2000. Claims 2-4 have been cancelled. The amendments to claim 1 are believed to place claim 1 in condition for allowance. Claims 5 and 13 have been amended to depend from claim 1. Accordingly, claims 5-13 are believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence form amended claim 1 and the novel features recited therein.

Claims 14-18 have been allowed.

For the reasons noted above, the application all pending claims are believed to be allowable and Notice of Allowance is solicited.

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1. (Amended) A computer case of a standard height adapted to be mounted in a rack of a standard width, and configured to house plural computer components, said computer case comprising:

an enclosure defined by a front panel, a back panel, two side panels, a top panel, and a bottom panel;

a partition disposed in said enclosure and extending substantially from said bottom panel to said top panel to divide said enclosure into at least a first zone adapted to receive a motherboard and a second zone adapted to receive at least one memory device, an aperture being formed in said partition; and

[a] two centrifugal blowers coupled to said aperture to cause air flow between said first zone and said second zone, said two centrifugal blowers comprise a first blower having an inlet facing said bottom panel and a second centrifugal blower having an inlet facing said top panel.

5. (Amended) A computer case as recited in claim [4] 1, wherein a first standoff dimension is defined between said inlet of said first centrifugal blower and said bottom panel, said first standoff dimension multiplied by the perimeter of the inlet said first centrifugal blower defining an area that is substantially equal to or greater than an inlet area of said first centrifugal blower.

13. (Amended) A computer case as recited in claim [4] 1 further comprising three bays defined in said second zone and configured to hold components requiring access through said front panel, two of said bays extending substantially from said from front panel to said partition, the other of said bays extending from said front panel toward said partition to a lesser degree to define a void space between said partition and said other of said bays, said first centrifugal blower and said second centrifugal blower being disposed in said void space.